

VIOLENT CRIMES

Crimes of violence involve the element of personal confrontation between the perpetrator and victim and entail the use or threat of violence. By their very nature, violent crimes — murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault — are considered more serious than property crimes. The total number indicates only the number of incidents reported to police and does not reflect the number of criminals who committed them or the number of injuries inflicted.

During the year 2018, violent crimes showed a decrease from the previous year. There were 1,498 reported offenses during 2018 — compared with 1,591 for 2017. This decrease of 93 crimes reported represents a decrease of 5.8%.

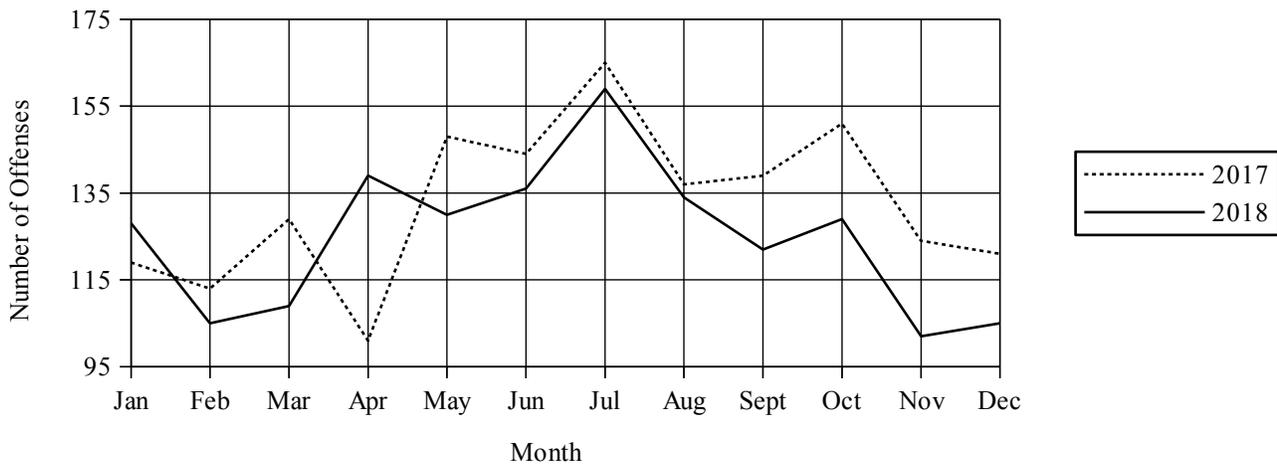
The 2018 crime rate for violent crime is 1.12 offenses per 1,000 population. Violent crimes represent 7.6% of all reported index crimes. Police cleared 996 violent crimes for a 66.5% clearance rate.



Number of Offenses — Comparative Data 2017–2018

	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Totals
2017	21	448	247	875	1,591
2018	23	447	227	801	1,498
Number Change	2	-1	-20	-74	-93
Percent Change	9.5%	-0.2%	-8.1%	-8.5%	-5.8%

Violent Crimes — Comparative Data 2017–2018



Violent Crime by County

(State Violent Crime Rate 1.12)

